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ANTI -TERROR DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has entered into an anti-terror deal with Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the main points included in the memorandum of understanding; and

(c) the benefit to India as a result of the said deal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The Delhi Declaration as well as the MoU on Combating Crime that were signed during the State Visit of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia envisage India-Saudi Arabia cooperation in combating terrorism.

(b) The MoU on Combating Crime envisages cooperation in:

(i) combating international terrorism,

(ii) combating illicit use and production, trading, distribution of narcotics/psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals,

(iii) combating counterfeiting of currency/securities, falsification of travel documents and visas,

(iv) combating smuggling of items of historical/cultural value, precious stones/metals and other luxury articles,

(v) search/seizure/confiscation of properties/monies derived from crimes and international terrorism

(c) As terrorist linkages frequently involve activities and linkages across national boundaries, international cooperation is essential to effectively combat terrorism.